



## U.S. Embassy Cairo

### Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI)

### Civic Education and Leadership Fellowship (CELf)

The U.S.-Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) is pleased to announce recruitment for its Civic Education and Leadership Fellowship (CELf). CELf provides academics from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) with an opportunity to participate in individually-tailored projects and group seminars at the Maxwell School for Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.

CELf allows university teachers and scholars from the MENA region to spend four months (one academic semester) at Syracuse University to: 1) promote democracy and international standards in social science education in MENA countries; 2) develop their civil society capacity on the university policy level; 3) enhance the quality of education through improved curricula development and delivery, increased institutional capacity, and expanded student and faculty engagement; and 4) further develop the critical thinking and analytic capabilities of educators on civic education.

CELf is open to individuals working in an accredited institution of higher education for a minimum of five years in social science disciplines.

MEPI will cover all international and domestic travel, health insurance, housing in shared apartments, and a moderate living stipend in the United States for all Fellows participating in the project. All Fellows will travel to the United States in unaccompanied status.

#### **Requirements:**

- At least five years of experience working in social science disciplines, including but not limited to political science, public administration, law, media, journalism, and communications;
- Completed or working on a Ph.D. (The minimum requirement is that a candidate will have completed a Master's degree in one of these fields: social science disciplines, including political science, public administration, law, media, journalism, and communications)
- Demonstrated a commitment and desire to remain working in this field for the foreseeable future, and an equal commitment to improving the quality and capacity of educational institutions in their field of study
- Exhibited leadership skills and the capacity to apply opportunities presented in this project in a way that would benefit an education institution, organization, sector, and/or community
- Fluent English Language to function successfully in a high-level academic and professional environment
- No prior residence or academic degree in the United States, and not subject to J Visa restrictions
- Letters of support from home institution that will allow the applicant to study in the United States Fall 2012 OR Spring 2013.
- Applicants must indicate their availability for each term, as well as their preferred term.

**Documents needed:**

Submit a current resume and two essays of no more than 500 words each, written in English, which answer the following questions:

-- What hopes and plans do you have for improving the quality and capacity of your educational institution in your field of study? How do you see yourself leading this change?

-- What are the prospects for greater civic engagement in solving social problems and fostering participatory democracy in your country, and what role do you see yourself and your institution playing in this regard?

**Kindly note that the deadline for submitting your application is 11:59 pm on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2012. We will be accepting the applications on [CairoMEPI@state.gov](mailto:CairoMEPI@state.gov)**